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#### AFFAIRS IN GEORGETOWN

Demand for Aid to the Poor Not So Great as Formerly.

The Saving of Money by Poor People Encouraged With Very Successful Results-General News.

of the Associated Charities has been lighter this year than ever heretofore. This is explained by the fact that while the cold wave brings considerable suffering, many of the poor people are in better condition to meet the emergencies than formerly. During the summer season the agent of the Associated Charitles for Georgetown prevailed upon many of the poor people to save their money, and in some cases as much as \$2.00 was accumulated. The money which was thus laid by is now being used to supply the necessaries of life, and when this is entirely expended relief will be afforded by the society. It is said that some people who never before saved anything have put money aside for the cold weather, and the wisdom of their policy is now plainly apparent. The scheme was inargurated by the organization, and has worked very successfully.

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while on the little river It is said to be mearer eight inches thick. The canal is also icebound, but there is very little skating on it, the people preferring the river, where more space is afforded. The fall of snow Sunday night somewhat interfered with the sport, but places have been cleared on the for

with the sport, but places have been cleaned on the ice.

The ice in the channel above Georgetown was broken yesterday. The tugboat Mohler, armed with a large ice plow, steamed her way through the thick ice and opened a way for the little steamer Bartholdi. This was done, so it is said, at the expense of the propriety of the reserts in the

#### Reception at Peck Chapel.

A reception was given last evening at Peck Memorial Chapel by the ladies of the Christlan Endeavor Society of the Church of the Covenant to the Endeavorers and members of the Peck Chapel. Rev. Charles Alvin Smith, the pastor, received each member of his congregation and gave them a hearty welcome. During the course of the evening games were played and prizes given. Refreshments were served.

# Funeral of Miss Mary A. Kilduff.

Miss Mary A. Kilduff, who did Sunday fight, was buried this morning at 9:30 Trinity Church. The interment was privanced age of eighty years, and expired new year. For some years past she had been an inmate of the Aged Women's Home at 1255-32d street. Earlier in life she was

### West End Auxiliary W. C. T. U.

The West End auxiliary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union held a meeting last evening in Union M. E. Church. After the usual business the president, Mrs. Catchings, gave notice of a quarterly meetrth Capitel M. E. Church, January 10. Delegates and alternates were elected as follows: Mesdames Berry, Moffitt, Ballin-ger and George, delegates, and Mesdames Ashley, Elker, Spencer, Durnbaugh and Graham, alternates.

### Held Open Meeting.

Independent Lodge, No. 14, I. O. G. T., held an open meeting last night, at which it entertained a large number of friends. An interesting program was rendered by Miss Lillie Myers, Miss Neda Potter, Miss Addie Powell, Miss Beil Smith, Miss Bion-dell Lenz, Mrs. Hernandez, Mrs. Nailor and Mr. Pettit. In the prize game Mrs. Her-nandez was the successful contestant. Refreshments were served by a committee of ladies under the direction of Miss Margare

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# VETERAN PASSES AWAY.

Served With Distinction in Union Army During Civil War. Gen. Edwin S. Osborne died yesterday afernoon at 1 o'clock at the residence of his on, John B. Osborne, 2116 Connecticut aveue. Gen. Osborne, who was sixty years id, had been in poor health for some time. ast Sunday morning he was seized with

an attack of heart trouble, which resulted in his death. He will be buried Thursday

afternoon at 2 o'clock in Arlington ceme-tery, beside his son, Lieut, William H. Osborne, who was killed in the Philippines. Gen. Osborne was well known in Washngion, where he has resided for several He was a representative in Congress in the Forty-ninth, Fiftleth and Fifty-first Congresses, and upon retiring

The lovers of outdoor sport are having a fine time, taking advantage of the freezing over of the river and other streams in this section of the city. The ice on the river measures nearly six inches in thickness, was appointed major general, and served in that capacity from 1871 to 1877.

Gen. Osborne was a prominent worker in the Grand Army of the Republic and was department commander of Pennsylvania in 1883. He was also a companion of the Mili-

### The Craze for Pewter.

From the Boston Herald. There is a passion for pewter just now; pewter made into all the knick-knackery that we have for the past few years been seeing in silver. There is about pewter a softness and pliability which makes it a fascinating material with which to model, and therefore, besides its use for small pieces, artists are working out some of their best designs in it. In fact, reduced figures from life and after the antique are ag exhibited, along with those of bronze of plaster. Smaller pieces, happily within

being exhibited, along with those of bronze and plaster. Smaller pieces, happily within reach of many are bonbonleres, trays and ash receivers, mugs, plates and small figures. All of these are presented in innumerable shapes and designs.

Collectors of mugs are beling made happy by this revival of the use of pewter, and little short of a madness is about regarding the number and rurity of those seen at informal evening parties, or at other times decorating the side walls of dining rooms. The plates also are mostly seen as wall

round.
It is not difficult to keep these pewter or naments clean. A good rubbing with cha-mois every fortnight is all that is neces-sary. It is not desirable for them to have r or of more interest can be r ed than a pewter bonboniere. of all small boxes, their usefulr ery great. There is always room for nore. On the writing desk or bureau told innumerable varieties of trities, where it is now customary to place of as formerly, in the pocket and filled with sweets.

#### Latest Fad in Collars. From the New York Herald.

The dressing of a woman's neck has as sumed more importance lately than almost any other article of her attire, and the smart modiste pays more attention to the cut, fit and style of the collar than ever before in the annals of dressmaking.

It is not merely necessary to have soft, straight collar around a woman's neck nowadays; she must stand and be fitted to a pointed, turreted, overlapping chin supporting affair, which is just as much object of care and attention on the part of the modiste as any other portion of the

The new collar is a very complicated conpoint, which should never be lost sight of, is that it must be very high in the back, while in front it is low enough to be a comfortable rest for the chin.

Some of the new collars have two high points rising just under the ears, while others come up in one high point in the middle of the back of the neck. Then again a pretty full box pleat of soft lace falls over the military plainness in the back, while a narrow ruche of the same lace is turned over the collar in front.

There is little stiffness in the new collar, whalebones in the back and side points keeping it rigid where it should be rigid, while the front is softer than it has been for some time.

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Sacrificing Hi. ...cock.

Good Political Plums.

LINCOLN, Neb., December 30, 1809. The prospects for a great political row in the fusion camps is imminent, and if there is anything in the signs of the times fusion is a thing of the past in Nebraska and W. J. Bryan is to be forced into the national campaign without the gid of the democrats of Nebraska. This extraordinary situation has developed out of the late senatorial contest, in which Bryan sacrificed his friend and benefactor, Gibert ilitehcock, editor of the World-Beraid, on the altar of his ambition. He sold Hitchcock for the friendship of Alba and the populists. Sagaelous politicians admit that Bryan was placed in a very trying position, and probably did the best thing he could have done. Had he favored the appointment of Hitchcock to the vacancy resulting from the death of Schator Hayward, Allen would have certainly been a candidate for President on the populist fields, and this would have meant deteat for Bryan in any event. In fact, this was the prod which Al en used, and Bryan had heard a rumer of that sort of thing a year ago and had secured a denial from Allen, which his press agents sent broadcast. In fact, Allen's ambition in this direction had been Bryan's bogte man for some time.

#### Lines Are Sharply Drawn.

Now the lines are being clearly drawn by both sides, and the chances of Bryan ever being a factor in Nebraska politics again are regarded as slim. The Bryanites took the first step. The Nebraska Traveling Men's Bryan Club snubbed Hitchcock and the first step. The Nebraska Traveling Men's Bryan Club snubbed Hitchcock and refused to invite him to their annual banquet on January 8. He had always been a leading factor in these banquets. Here at Lincoln this club is a power and has ramifications extending all over the country. Then the Jacksonian Club—the great silk-stocking organization at Omaha—concluded to take the other she of the proposition. It has been previously arranged by Bryan that the annual banquet of the Jacksonians should be the signal for the opening of his presidential campaign. These Jacksonian club banquets have always taken the form of national gatherings, and this year President Ed. F. Smith had secured the consent of Carter Harrison, Henry Watterson, Hogg of Texas, Altgeld, Overnayer and a number of other democrats of national fame to be present and deliver addresses. Bryan was scheduled for a speach on the 'Fate of the Nation,' which was to be the hottest arraignment of the administration he had ever issued.

Then the thing took another turn, and the Jacksonians concluded to show their nostility toward Bryan and their resentment for the defeat of Hitchcock by making Hitchcock toastmaster. This was in defiance of all rules of the club, which had

made the president each year the toast-master. When Bryan found this honor re-served for Hitchcock he wired friends here to get the plans changed, but they could

### Appealed to Gov. Poynter.

He appealed to Governor Poynter, Sena tor Allen and others, but nothing came of it. The Omaha democrats had the were determined to show Bryan that in involved in the betrayal of Hitchcock in the interest of the populist leader. This order was filled and given great prominence order was filled and given great prominence in the Cincinnati Enquirer. It got a big head on the front page, and another order was sent from the Enquirer ordering the point to be followed. This is the situation in the state. It is now certain that the banquet that promised to be the first gun of Bryan's campaign will be a very chilly affair. In fact, it is said generally that Bryan will probably find it convenient to be absent from the Omaha blowout January 8. In any event, Bryan will not be given the absent from the Omaha blowout January 8, In any event, Bryan will not be given the position of honor and Hitchcock will be the real hero of the gathering. This means a serious split in the fusion ranks, and will certainly assume national proportions. Then, too, even the fusionists are displeased with the way things are going. They point to the fact that Senator Allen, the brainiest one of the lot, has always fed at the public trough, and that he deserted the democratic camp on being defeated for district judge to run for the same office on larly combined with the democratic leaders to keep all the offices in small rings. I looks as if the next year's campaign in Ne and this is the year when two senator

### NEW YEAR BALL

# Pleasing Entertainment Last Night at St. Elizabeth's Asylum.

The advent of 1900 was observed at St Elizabeth's Asylum last evening with a New Year ball. This form of entertain ment for the patients and employes of the asylum has heretofore been held wheneve possible the eve of the new year, so that the passing of the old year and the ushering in of the new one might be fittingly marked. For obvious reasons, however, the dance of 1900 occurred last evening.

The large hall known as the new dining oom was the scene, and in the commodique apartment was an assembly numbering about 500, the majority comprising, of course, male and female inmates of the asylum. Amid a lavish display of everasylum. Amid a lavish display of evergreens glistened numerous electric lights in soft shades of red, white and blue. High up, from every beam, hung the festoons of crowfoot and cedar, and entwined about the pillars were trimmings of the same kind. The large lights of red and the smaller clusters of red, white and blue glittered among these and made the great hall luminous and handsome, while the effect was added to by a large American flag that blazed in electricity at the rear of the apartment, its stripes of alternate red and white being shown by rows of small red and white bulbs and its delicate field of blue and its stars by others of the proper the and its stars by others of the prope

St. Elizabeth's orchestra rendered the eats on one side and the women patter on the opposite side of the hall. The dan proceeded to a late hour, with mirth and enjoyment to all, and there was an inter-nission for refreshments.

### Time Set for Arguments.

notions for a new trial and in arrest of recently convicted of the murder of William H. Brooks, will be held before Justice Cole Friday, the 12th instant.

Nebraska Democrats Desert Bryan for Citizens of Cumberland Protest Against Pollution of Potomac.

EVEN THE POPULISTS ARE SORE FIGHT ON THE PULP MILL RENEWED

They Claim Allen Wants All the Now Proposed to Take the Matter to Congress.

SOME RECENT DEVELOPMENTS THIS CITY INTERESTED

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star. CUMBERLAND, Md., January 1, 1989.
The people of Cumberland will look to
Washington for assistance in their struggle to stop the pollution of the Potomac river. This pollution has practically destroyed this city's water supply, and it is believed threatens the supply of Wash-The interests of the two cities are regarded as common, as the river is the natural source of water supply for both cities. It is believed here that the pollu-tion will soon reach the acute stage at

Washington, as it is of a progressive charicter, extending further down each year. The fish have all been killed in the river bout Cumberland, and fishermen say they ire obliged to go further down the stream every year. Where fish have been plentiful year before they are decimated the following year. At Hancock, fifty-six miles following year. At Hancock, fifty-six miles east of here, the complaint is the same. Saturday night at a public meeting of citizens in the city council chamber Senator George L. Wellington enlisted in the fight against pollution, making an address that aroused the wildest enthusiasm. It is said that never in his public career did Senator Wellington receive such an ovation. The meeting was an adjourned one from Thursday night, when a committee was named to report a plan for continuing the fight against poliution. The verdict of the jury in the criminal prosecution at Hagerstown acquitting the West Virginia Pulp and-Paper Company of polluting the Potomac is regarded as a serious setback to the cause of the city.

Enthusiasm at the Meeting.

Enthusiasm at the Meeting. The report was presented and unani mously adopted amid much enthusiasm William C. Devecmon of the Cumberland bar read the report. It recites that Cumproving the present waterworks of the city which are practically useless, because of the intolerable condition of the water. Three expert engineers, after an exhaustive Three expert engineers, after an exhaustive, investigation, reported that the Potomac was the only available source of supply, and chemical experts, after much experiment, found that the polluted water cannot be successfully filtered, every method of filtration having been tried in vain. It is impossible to remove the color. It is atgued that should another source of supply be secured it would be necessary to go miles into another state, with no assurance that the newly selected stream would not in time be polluted.

The Potomac water now emits such a

The Potomac water now emits such a tench that it is not even it for street prinkling purposes. People are compelled by buy drinking water from vendors, while to buy drinking water from vendors, while cooking water is obtained from a limited supply of wells and cisterns. The burden on the poor is great, especially during the present cold snap, when the pumps freeze up so easily. The resolutions say that as a result of bad water property values are not what they would be, and that persons refrrin from investing in enterprises and even living here.

The resolutions call for the selection of an executive committee of twenty, whose

n executive committee of twenty, whose uty it is to ascertain from the counsel who their opinion a conviction is possible under the law as it now stands, and if not to sugest amendments or new laws that will over the ground; to ascertain the power of the state board of health in the premises, and if that body has the power to invoke its interference; to consult with Senator George L. Wellington and Representative George A. Pearre as to the advisability of securing the aid of Congress, inasmuch as the District of Columbia also draws its water supply from the Potomac. The resolutions condemn the course of the Cumberland Evening Times as being inimical to the best interests of the people, and deplore the fact that the city which pays 40 per cent of the taxes of the county has not the sympathy of the mining region.

### Text of the Resolution.

The resolutions conclude: Resolved, fur ther, that as American citizens in town alarm and dismay the power and effect of utions and upon public sentiment and pubaper trust for years, and thus far withou evall, for pure water, which nature hersel has supplied for man as free as the air rom heaven. from heaven." The resolutions also sa hat the assault is not only directed agains the pulp mill, but against all pollutions. Gen. Joseph Sprigg, the chairman, delivered an address, in which he stated that the Gen. Joseph Sprigg, the chairman, delivered an address, in which he stated that the position of citizens was not in defiance of the law and the ruling of the courts, as some charge. He denied the imputation as absolutely false, stating that the people only wish to assert their rights under the law, and that no attempt has been made by any one to go around the law. Considering the overwhelming character of the testimony adduced against the pulp mill at Hagerstown, he said there should be no surprise from any one over the discontent of the people here as the result of the verdict. Gen. Sprigg at length stated the city's side from a legal standpoint, quoting numerous authorities, including ex-Attorney General John Prentiss Poe, when he fought the polluters of Gunpowder river, Baitimore's water supply. Mr. Poe was one of the attorneys for the pulp mill in the recent case. ent case. Senator Wellington was warmly received

He said, as a citizen of Cumberland, he was wrapped up in the well-being of the city. He continued: "I believe you have city. He continued: "I believe you have done the proper tring in calling a meeting to express disapproval of the verdict of the jury, as well as the ruling of the court, and I believe the ruling laid down is as bad as the water in the Potomac river." This sally caused the greatest applause, lasting sev-eral minutes. "I stand with my people," he said. "I believe under the law of the land we are entitled to use the water of the natural stream God has given us. Any man or corporation interfering with the pu-

#### man or corporation interfering with rity of that stream is against Him." Water Unfit for Amy Use.

The senator accused the pulp mill of making the water, once good, unfit for any ise. He thought the law gave ample remedy and he was particularly severe in his against the city. He said if a citizens' com mittee would be sent to Washington he had no doubt that their cause would be given a careful hearing by the District committees in both houses. He, himself, proposed to bring the matter before the Senate commit-

William C. Devecmon of the Cumberland William C. Devenmen of the Cumberland bar sald a calamity was overhanging the city greater than war, for the latter could be ended, but this desecration of the water supply might be everlasting, to the detriment of the health and happiness of the people. He spoke of the threatened boycott of Cumber'and, and sald: "Let them do it. We, too, can fight the devil with fire." Mr. Devection says that testimony offered by some Cumberland citizens in behalf of the pulp mill defled the laws of gravitation and branded the discovery of Sir Isaac Newton as a myth.

January 2, 1900.

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state's attorney to his utmost to test the validity of the warrants sworn out by J. Semmes Deveemon against the pulp mill for polluting the river. The warrants were secured Friday, and under the law the cases will have to be tried here.

On motion of Senator Wellington the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the executive committee, which the chairman will name this week.

HOW TO DRESS TASTEFULLY. Certain Rules That Must Be Followed Out to the Letter.

From the Philadelphia Times. A well-dressed woman stands sponsor for a rule which every woman could adopt with distinct profit to her personal appearance. I cannot quote it, but I can give its idea in words which will be plain enough to follow. A woman can never err in taste if she matches her hair in street attire, her eyes in house wear and her complexion in evening clothes. That is not to be taken quite literally-the hair may be light brown, which will harmonize with various shades of that color. The eyes may be pale blue, of that color. The eyes may be pale blue, but they do not necessitate pale blue dresses, although that shade would undoubtedly prove the most becoming. A plik complexion would not always call for that tint, but for harmonizing shades, although the strict letter of the rule would be safer for those who are confessedly lacking in color judgment. At all events, it would save us from many of the sights which daily meet our eyes.

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When I read a fashion note telling of the popularity of green and blue combined I feel a premonitory shudder at what I am doomed to witness later on. None but an doomed to witness later on. None but an artist can successfully combine violent colors, for certain shades only are capable of a pleasing combination, yet women who persist in following every fashien, however wild and absurd, will evolve startling and hideous costumes which would never have been dreamed of had the fashion not been suppressed. An announcement of the rage of this stock, and is much better off than to depend on the salary of a representative. I long ago found that there was more pleasure in life to get out and commune with nature and enjoy a little of God's sunlight that penetrates a Kansas farm than to occupy the best position that suppressed. An announcement of the rage of black and white is a different matter, for I have yet to see where these two re-fuse to blend. Black is a serviceable color, fuse to blend. Black is a serviceable color, for it serves as a background to all others and will often settle a vexed question of economy. Soft shades are becoming to all, vivid colors are for the few. I heard a young woman object to a scarlet throat ribbon worn by her friend because it took away what little warmth there was in her rather nale face and surgest something rather pale face and suggest something more delicate. She was right, too, for scarlet is exceedingly trying when laid against the majority of faces. If it was relieved a bit at the throat with white you would see a vast change for the better. There is much art in dressing the neck. The long throat needs high collars, broad ribbons and many folds, while the short one ribbons and many folds, while the short one can stand but a mere line of any of these things. A short collar on a long neck takes away every particle of style from the owner's appearance, and a high one will give a touch which transforms her. This adapting of the fashlons to one's own points is a fascinating study if you choose to make it so, and one that makes a woman distinctive. Because a high colifure is considered the acme of fashlon should not be a reason for the woman who is handsome in a low one to change. Such a change might transone to change. Such a change might trans form her into a very ordinary-looking wo-man. There never was and never will be a style that cannot be modified to everystyle that cannot be modified to every-body's needs—the manner of doing it is the sticking point. Have you never been puz-zled to find just what made one woman stylish and attractive, while her neighbor, prettier, perhaps, was notleeable for noth-ing but neatness? It might have been nothing more than the manner in which she pulled down her belt in front or pinned have pulled down her belt in front or pinned her veil or arranged her necktie. It was un-doubtedly some little touch which just suited her personality-she had discovered it and her neighbor had not. Why not? Probably because she never tried; she content to accept fashions as they came without considering individuality.

#### How to Thread a Needle. the Cincinnati Enquirer.

An ingenious lady has suggested an imneedle for the purpose of threading it. It s to be held between the third and little fingers of the left hand instead of by the thumb and forefinger, palm uppermost. The advantage of this is that the thumb The advantage of this is that the thumb and first finger can be used to grip the smallest end of the thread as soon as it protrudes from the eye, a method preferable to that of letting go the thread and endeavoring to get hold of the end with the right hand. This prevents the weight of the cotton from dragging the end out of the eve again.

It pays to read the want columns of The Star. Hundreds of situations are filled

#### IN HOTEL CORRIDORS.

Ex-Gov. S. J. Crawford of Kansas, one of

two now surviving of the war governors. with Mrs. Crawford, is spending a few weeks at the Ebbitt. Ex-Gov. Sprague of Rhode Island, who as a senator from that state was a leader in Washington society. and who became the husband of Kate chase, daughter of Salmon P. Chase, chief justice and erstwhile Secretary of the Treasury, is the only other person now living who served as chief executive of a northern state during the war of the rebellion. Like Sprague, Gov. Crawford was a very young man when the people of his state toop him up and gave him their suffrage. He was first elected in 1864, running on the same ticket which re-elected Lincoln, and at a time when he was serving with his regiment at the front. Crawford was then twenty-eight years old. To-day he is as straight as an arrow, as viva-cious as many persons a score of years his junior, and is a firm devotee at the shrine of his adopted state, which, he says, possesses a climate which for salubrious qualities is unequaled in the universe. The gov-

southern Kansas.
"Politics is not in it with stock raising," "There's little money in politics under a condition, but a man who has a few h dred head of cattle has something worth while—a good thing to fall back on. I understand that Jerry Simpson has returned to his Kansas stock farm. He has two or three hundred head of cattle, land enough to raise what he wants to eat and to take care of his stock, and is much better off than to depend on the salary of a representative. I long ago found that there was more pleasure in life to get out and on.

Gov. Crawford, however, believes that it

Gov. Crawford, however, believes that it is the duty of every man to take an interest in politics; that in this lies the protection of the city, the state and the government. Asked as to the conditions in Kansas and as to the probability of the state again casting its electoral vote for a free silver presidential candidate, he said:

"There is a strong free silver feeling in Kansas in all of the parties, it would be hard to predict at this time what the voters may do. Of course, Col. Bryan's renomination is a foregone conclusion. From my own observations, I believe the main planks of the democratic platform will be free silver—an adoption of the free silver plank of ver—an adoption of the free silver plank of the Chicago platform of two years ago, without change—anti-trust and anti-expan-sion. I do not believe that free silver will be the paramount issue, as it was sion. I do not believe that free silver will be the paramount issue, as it was two years ago, but that the predominating issues will be the two I last named."

Gov. Crawford said that ex-Senator John J. Ingalls was understood to be in poor health, and that he was spending the winter in Arizona recuperating.

Just before the Irving company departed Just before the frying company departed rom Washington, Sir Henry, who was taying at the Arlington, remarked to clerk Breast that he would find a number Clerk Breast that he would find a number of autograph albums in his apartments, and requested that they be returned to their respective owners. One of the bell boys was sent to Sir Henry's room and soon came lack with his arms full of albums, from the ordinary plush-covered ones to some with covers decorated with gold and silver. Each bore the signature of the distinguished English actor and his charming leading lady, Miss Terry. Clerk Breast got them all within his care, and then, turing to The Star man, said:

"You would be surprised at the number of autograph albums we come in contact with during a year. And that reminds me of a funny little incident which occurred here

a funny little incident which of a few years ago. Before Dr. Talmage became a Washington Taimage became a Washingtonian he made his headquarters at the Arlington when in the city. There was always a demand for his autograph, and he yielded it up cheerfully. On this occasion a well-known society woman came in with an album. One of the other clerks and the cashier happened to be talking with me when she enof the other clerks and the casmer hap-pened to be talking with me when she en-tered. I took the album and placed it on top of the letter box. Dr. Talmage came in soon after and I handed him the album and told him of the lady's request. "'Oh, yes,' he said, as he opened the book and wrote: 'With best wishes for your 'Universal happiness,' and signed his name.

book and wrote: 'With best wishes for your future happiness,' and signed his name.

"The other clerk was engaged at the time and did not notice what I had done. Later in the day, when the doctor came into the office to inquire for his mail, he waited on him. Just as the guest was turning to go away, the clerk happened to think of the abum.

ening the same book and turning clean, white page, again recorded best wishes for your future happins subscribed himself.

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"In the evening Dr. Talmage again come into the office and this time the cashier happened to be alone for the instant. Its-membering the woman who had brought in the album in the forenoon, he reached for the book and brought it to the attention of the minister, evaluating that the minister, explaining that it was the

The holidays always bring to Washington a plethora of visitors. Many come in cursion parties and not a few are sel teachers, who find the capital city a lightful and instructive place to spen vacation. Nearly all the down-town he vacation. Nearly all the down-tow have a goodly quota of the latter the present time. A couple of young ladies, who are staying at the National, yesterday morning started out for a stroll down Pennsylvania avenue. The display of photographs of senators and representatives in the front windows of an art gallery attracted their attention and they stopped and gazed and commented. Pinally one of the young ladies discovered that the portraits were arranged ainhabetically. e present time. A co

ere arranged alphabetically. "I wonder if Col. Dick's photograph is cre?" interrogated the other.
"Why, it must be," replied her compan-

on.

And then they started over the list. In the Parthey found Joe Balley of Texas; the Bs they found Joe Balley of Texas; they passed over the late lamented "Dick" Bland, were full of expectancy when the Cs were exhausted, and then a look of wrath—such as comes only to a country school-ma'am—pervaded their faces.

"ICs a shame," said the taller of the two: "Col. Dick is better looking than any one in the whole lot."

"Col. Dick is better looking than any one in the whole lot."
"Yes," added her companion, "and I'll bet the people at home won't like it when they know that his picture is not there."

A gentleman who was viewing the portraits volunteered the thought that there was likely no desire on the part of the photographer to slight the handsome Ohio representative, and that the absence of his portrait might be due to his being a comparatively new comer in the House; but the paratively new comer in the House; but the paratively new comer in the House; but the young ladies wended their way up toward the Capitol, apparently disgusted with the

collection.

A glance at the National register dis-closed that the two young ladies were from Akren, Col. Dick's home.

Messrs. E. Caypless, R. W. Wilcox and Miss Kratz of Honolulu are registered at Willard's. Their mission in Washington is to impress upon the administration the desire of the natives to have a voice in the government of the newly acquired islands.

Capt. Charles E. Clarke, U. S. N., formerly in command of the Oregon, and now in charge of the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, is at the Ebbitt, as is also Charles S. Fogg, a well-known lawyer of Tacoma, Wash.

#### Mysterious Mines in Africa. From the London Telegraph. Besides the reefs which have been dis-

covered, there exists in Rhodesia an enornous quantity of "old workings," mines which were worked in ancient times, but have long since been abandoned. By whom these mines were worked is and will probably remain forever a mystery. From old pottery and tools which have been found it is evident that these old workings were excavated by or under the direction of men of knowledge and intelligence superior to those possessed by the present inhabitants of the country. Gold was extracted from these mines by smelting, many furnaces having been found, and alongside of them ancient molds in which ingots were cast. Several ruins have also been discovered in Rhodesia the magnitude and workmanship of which proves that men of superior civilization either inhabited or else occupied this part of the world a few thousand years before us. To them are probably due the ancient workings which have been found. with the primitive instruments at their command these miners of a past age were only able to scrape the surface of the go dly affects their value, while they a precious indication to the prospector enable him to test the reef below the think of the album.

"By the way, doctor, he said, 'a lady left an album here with a request for your autograph.'

"Dr. Talmage nodded pleasantly and, richest reefs."